

Amendment No. 1 to HB0705

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**AMEND Senate Bill No. 634\***

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by deleting all language after the enacting clause and by substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 1, Part 3, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

49-1-3\_\_.

(e)

(1) There is established a two-year pilot project to be operated by the department of education. The purpose of the project shall be to determine whether enhanced accessibility of AP courses and examinations and career and technical certification examinations encourages students to pursue completion of rigorous course work and successfully pass AP examinations and career and technical certification examinations.

(2) Pilot project participants enrolled In Advanced Placement courses shall not be required to pay any fee to take the AP examination.

(3) Pilot project participants enrolled in career and technical courses leading to certification or licensure in the field of study shall not be required to pay any fee to take the certification or licensure examination.

(4) The cost of the examination shall be the responsibility of the state, regardless of the score achieved on the examination by the student.

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(b) The pilot project shall be conducted in high schools to be selected by the commissioner of education. The high schools shall be selected so that the cost of testing pursuant to the pilot project is no more than one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) per year.

(c)

(1) The office of research and education accountability (OREA) in the office of the comptroller of the treasury, with the assistance of the department of education, shall study the pilot project and shall report on the effectiveness of the project after the initial year of the project and at the conclusion of the project. In its report at the conclusion of pilot project, OREA shall make findings as to whether the project encouraged students to pursue completion of rigorous course work and successfully pass AP examinations and career and technical certification examinations. OREA shall make recommendations as to the potential of the project for expansion statewide. OREA shall submit its initial report to the education committees of the senate and the house of representatives by November 1, 2014, and its final report to the committees by November 1, 2015.

(2) If OREA, in consultation with the department, finds that the results of the two-year pilot project are promising, but that more study needs to be done before a final recommendation is issued, then

department is authorized to continue the pilot program for an additional two (2) years, if funded.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013, the public welfare requiring it.